

Draft Work Group Agenda & Preparation Suggestions**September 29, 2008****10:00 – 3:00 WEYERHAEUSER – CONFERENCE ROOM: CH Conf Din Rm 4 East**

Everyone will need to check in at the front desk and get a badge from the receptionist.

*The public is welcome to attend the meeting, which will be publicized on Ecology's website.
After each major agenda item, a brief time will be given for public input.*

Please bring your own lunch.

Minimal time will be provided before lunch to accommodate lunch purchase.

10:00 Introductions, Meeting Agenda

- Introductions, Work Group Membership
- Confirm work group member continuity at the meetings, and procedures if a meeting has to be missed
- Procedures for review and posting of meeting notes
- Meeting agenda – order and schedule for the content of the performance measures discussion

10:30 Bill Moore update on Legislative Report re: Discharges to 303 (d) Listed Waters**10:45 Performance Measures**

Discussion will go until 2:30, with working lunch.

Key issues identified at the meeting on 9/8 for this discussion include the following:

- Evaluation of the current benchmark approach
 - * Input from inspectors
 - * What happens on the ground
 - * Data from last two years and trends
 - * Update of 6415 data evaluation
 - * Analysis of monitoring results
 - * What has worked or not and why?
 - * Have better BMPs led to improved results for water quality?
- How should Ecology determine benchmark values?
- Science behind benchmarks and monitoring
- Compliance with 6415

- * Presumption of WQ standard compliance.
- * Are appropriate BMPs = AKART
- Benchmarks versus numeric effluent limits for existing discharges to 303(d) listed water bodies

Work Group Preparation

- Be prepared to discuss the issues surrounding benchmark values, action levels, and water quality standards for the ISWGP.
- Review current narrative standards, benchmarks, and action levels, as well as the proposed benchmarks from the draft 2007 permit and prepare to discuss strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities.
- Come prepared to put forward ideas on performance measures, BMPs, and how to establish a feedback loop that will lead to improved results for water quality.
- Survey your constituents and prepare to discuss your thoughts on what is working and not working on the ground.

2:30 Summary and Next Steps

- Content of remaining meetings (review Work Plan document)
- Homework/prep for next meeting
- Meeting times and locations

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

October 17 – 10:00 to 3:00

November 13 – 10:00 to 3:00

December 12 – 10:00 to 3:00

January 15 – 10:00 to 3:00